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HOLDEN FOR 4 RAIL SYSTEMS IN WEST

Gives Interstate Board His Views on Federal Merger Plans.

LINES SOUTH IMPORTANT

Officials of Hill Group Stress Need of Connections to Gulf.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Consolidation of railroads in the West should create four great systems, each having terminals on the Pacific and Gulf coasts and at Chicago or St. Louis, President Hale Holden of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy declared today at the Interstate Commerce Commission's hearing on suggested mergers. He opposed tentative plans of the commission to put the roads of the Northwest into two systems, plans involving the separation of its railroad and the Northern Pacific from the Great Northern.

Suggesting that the commission consider the advisability of even larger combinations of railroads stretching throughout the West, however, Mr. Holden said the rearrangement should consider north and south traffic routes as well as transcontinental east and west routes through the West.

"If any such east and west plan of consolidation interferes with north and south movement, will not an articulation of roads running north and south result in shutting off business at the present free junction points, really reducing materially the amount of railroad operation at points like Council Bluffs, Kansas City and Buffalo? asked Prof. W. Z. Ripley, author of the commission's tentative plan.

Roads Need Lines to South.

"Perhaps so. My point is that the commission either hasn't gone far enough or has gone too far," Mr. Holden responded. "If you combine the transcontinental lines in the north and give each one a line to the southwest there will be no expectation of a great amount of interchanging of traffic between roads. My conclusion is that the transcontinental lines in the north must have a line through to the southwest or an open gateway."

Mr. Holden agreed with Prof. Ripley that consolidation on the greater scale would generally tend to "wipe out business at secondary gateways through the west."

"Why don't the western lines help us to estimate just what situation would be precipitated?" Prof. Ripley asked. "We are breaking our heads in the commission trying to put through a voluntary consolidation plan that will effect the least disruption to pleasant established conditions and if you have the funds of information come to us instead of leaving us to set up consolidation proposals in necessarily somewhat academic fashion it would help."

Attempts had been made, the Burlington president added, to get the western roads into a joint consideration of consolidation plans. Asked whether he thought southern lines should be extended to Seattle in case the consolidation connects northern lines with Gulf of Mexico ports, he said his suggestion would require that all four of the great consolidations in the West should have reasonable access to both regions.

Howard Elliott, chairman of the board of the Northern Pacific, declared the arrangement by which the Burlington Railroad was purchased by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern was wise and should not now be disturbed. There was no criticism of the Interstate Commerce Commission involved, he said, in the suggestions of the Hill roads that they be kept together.

Combine Vital to Northwest.

"I believe it is in the interest of the development of the Northwestern country and of the Burlington and Northern Pacific to include the Great Northern in that system," said Mr. Elliott. "All the reasons assigned by Mr. Holden for keeping the Great Northern in the consolidation apply with equal force to the Northern Pacific."

"The existence of these Northern Pacific lines all had a bearing on the desirability in 1900 of having the Burlington build to St. Paul and Minneapolis at the east end of the Northern Pacific and to Billings in the center," Mr. Elliott said. "The Burlington people were making a constant study of the value of the Twin Cities and Billings connection, also considering at the same time the question of connecting in some way their own lines to the north Pacific coast."

This development of the Burlington as a transcontinental line had been stopped only by the drawing up of an agreement between that road and the Northern Pacific providing for general interchange of traffic, Mr. Elliott indicated, and the closeness of the business relationship thus established resulted finally in the purchase of the Burlington by the two Northern interests.

A trade was made whereby the Burlington stockholders got \$200 a share for their stock in the joint obligation of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern. Mr. Elliott said in describing the purchase. The three railroads in conjunction undertook construction of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway, he said, which is now owned jointly by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern, but feeds into the Pacific coast and James Boyer, 14, of 411 East Seventeenth street.

Detectives said that Tolinski died in Bellevue after he had been struck on the head when he tried to recover his pushcart, which some boys had taken to cart wood to a bonfire.

FOUR BOYS REMANDED.

Arrests Followed Death of Painter Hit on Head.

Four boys who were arrested after the death of Samuel Tolinski, 46, a painter of 110 Monroe street, on Nov. 7, were arraigned yesterday before Justice Ryan in Children's Court, charged with juvenile delinquency and remanded in the custody of the Children's Society until Nov. 27. The boys are James Seacore, 12, of 49 East Eighteenth street; Michael Calabaretti, 12, of 401 East Seventeenth street; Joseph Testa, 11, of 412 East Eighth street; and James Boyer, 14, of 411 East Seventeenth street.

MOTOR PLATES READY.

Issuance of 122 license plates for automobiles will be begun tomorrow by the State Motor Vehicle Bureau, 127 West Sixty-first street. While the plates are being placed on cars until January 1, the bureau urges that motorists procure their own, if possible, so the last minute rush of previous years may be avoided. The 122 plates have white numerals set in a background of purple.

W.C.T.U. WILL FIGHT TO KEEP NATION DRY

English Woman Says World Movement Hinges Upon Success Here.

UNION TO ASK PLEDGES

Convention at Philadelphia Reelects Mrs. Boole and Other Officers.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18.—The biggest job of the prohibition workers is to hold on to prohibition, Miss Agnes E. Black of England to-night said in an address before the world convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Miss Black, an English delegate, said the entire world movement hinges upon its success in the United States.

"British ships trading within the three-mile limit of the United States must obey American laws regarding prohibition," she said, "but John Bull does not like to be disturbed, and the United States has been too slow in its action to attempt to interfere on American law. It is a question of common courtesy, and in these troublous times the two Anglo-Saxon nations should unite in moral and legal relations."

That prohibition was essential to the economic future of South Africa because of the black labor problem was asserted by Mrs. Deborah Knox Livingston, who has been campaigning for temperance in that country.

"The church, the Government and the academic body of South Africa are largely in favor of prohibition," she added. "Local option has already been adopted in many districts and its success promises well for complete prohibition."

Resolutions of opposition to any modification of the Volstead act that will permit the return of light wines and beers adopted when speakers asserted that such action was tantamount to the nullification of the Eighteenth Amendment and a return to the old saloon system. Resolutions also were adopted recommending a crusade for total abstinence training in schools.

Officers of the national organization were reelected as follows: Miss Anna A. Gordon, Evanston, Ill., president; Mrs. A. A. Boole, Brooklyn, vice-president; Mrs. Frances P. Parks, Evanston, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Fargo, recording secretary; Mrs. Sara H. Hoag, Lincoln, assistant recording secretary; and Mrs. Margaret O. Munns, Evanston, treasurer.

Members of the morning session were urged to attend court trials of liquor cases and to circulate literature pointing out the benefits of prohibition.

FIVE BOROUGHS TOTAL FOR RED CROSS \$135,000

Manhattan Gives \$90,000, Brooklyn \$25,000.

Workers in the five boroughs reported last night that a total of \$135,000 had been raised in the Red Cross roll call. Subscriptions and enrollments in Manhattan amounted to \$90,000, with approximately \$5,000 for Brooklyn.

The office of Mayor Hylan and the staff and employees of Will H. Hays, 522 Fifth avenue, both reported a 100 per cent. enrollment. Rapid progress also was reported by the financial division of which Percy H. Johnston is chairman. Nine committees are at work covering a bank, trust companies and exchanges in the city.

TWO ORGANIZATIONS DIVIDE.

Consumers' League Abandons National Woman's Party.

The National Consumers League has decided that it cannot cooperate with the National Woman's Party in legislative action because the latter organization has voted against protective legislation for wage-earning women. The Consumers League and its cooperating organizations urge specific measures against discriminatory laws affecting women. The Woman's Party is for a blanket measure. This, the league contends, endangers the protective laws already adopted for the benefit of wage-earning women and women in homes. This disagreement was announced yesterday by the Consumers League.

COPELAND CALLS MEETING.

Health Commissioner Copeland, United States Senator-elect, last night announced a mass meeting to be held at Town Hall the evening of Dec. 2, to discuss the peril facing America as the result of health conditions in Russia and Poland.

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SURGEONS POSITIVE CANCER IS CURABLE

Not Contagious or Hereditary in Ordinary Sense, States Dr. H. C. Taylor.

MUST BE TREATED EARLY

Experts Tell of Great Fight to Reduce Death Rate by Prompt Action.

Eminent physicians and surgeons, addressing a meeting held last night at the Academy of Medicine, 17 West Forty-third street, in connection with National Cancer Week, told of steps being taken by the profession to control cancer in this country. They declared that a large number of the approximately 100,000 deaths from cancer each year are unnecessary—that many cures can be effected if proper treatment is provided in time. All speakers agreed that cancer in its early stage is curable, though virtually all cases of the disease were fatal fifty years ago.

Those who spoke were Dr. Howard C. Taylor, chairman of the executive committee of the American Society for the Control of Cancer; Dr. James W. Jobling, professor of pathology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons; and Dr. George Emerson Brewer, Dr. Edward L. Keyes, Jr., president.

"We do not know the exact cause of cancer," said Dr. Taylor, "but we do know a theoretical treatment that cures many cases and will cure more the earlier it is applied."

Disease Not Contagious.

He stated without equivocation that cancer is not hereditary in the ordinary sense, that it is not contagious and that it is curable.

Dr. Taylor compared the cancerous growth to a fire, in an effort to explain more clearly the manner in which it spreads and the ease with which it can be checked if treated in time. When the lighted match is thrown into the "crack" there is no difficulty in putting out the fire and saving the room, he said. It requires greater effort to

put the fire out after it has spread to the room, but it can be done.

"The small persistent sore caused by a constant irritation can be cured and a possible cancer prevented—a fire prevented," Dr. Taylor explained, adding that cancer, starting as a small growth, often can be cured as the fire in the scrap basket can be extinguished.

Dr. Jobling said that cancer, being neither contagious nor infectious, cannot be controlled by the ordinary procedure used to protect the human race from diseases, for every sufferer independently produces his own disease. Many observations, he added, indicate that chronic irritation is an important factor among the causes of cancer. Irritation produces changes in cellular habits and a new race of cells may assume the property of cancer cells.

Dr. Jobling said that science has taught the profession very little about making accurate diagnosis in cases of cancer except by cutting out a fragment of the growth and examining it under the microscope.

Dr. Brewer showed that while the death rates from smallpox, tuberculosis, diphtheria, typhoid fever and infantile disease have been decreasing in the last thirty years, due to advanced sanitary methods, the death rate from cancer during the same year period has increased 82 per cent. The fact that cancer is increasing steadily cannot be denied, he declared. If every case of cancer could be recognized and subjected to radical surgical treatment within one month of its origin there would be no cancer deaths, Dr. Brewer concluded.

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CAVE 'WILD MAN' HELD IN CRIME INVESTIGATION

Wife Principal Accuser of New Jersey Recluse.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

STAFFORD, N. J., Nov. 18.—Arrested in his cave near here to-day, William Ware, alleged "wild man," is being held by the authorities for investigation in connection with numerous crimes dating as far back as eighteen years ago. Ware is said to have terrorized farmers in this section.

The wife of the "wild man" is said by officers to have made most of the allegations against him. She charges, according to officers, that her husband shot a man eight years ago and that his half-brother served a prison sentence for the crime. Her story also connects Ware with a Jew who committed eighteen years ago. He is a brother of John Ware, first man hanged in Camden county's old jail, according to Mrs. Ware.